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1. DEPARTMENT FOUND REFTEL ASSESSMENT OF ECEVIT GOVERNMENT'S FIRST HUNDRED DAYS AND ITS SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS USEFUL, COMPREHENSIVE AND INSIGHTFUL. WE WISH TO COMMEND ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN ITS PREPARATION.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE DEATH OF THE MALATYA MAYOR AND SUBSEQUENT CIVIL DISTURBANCE IN EASTERN TURKEY AND THE UPCOMING MAY 1 EVENTS, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY'S ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT/ANALYSIS OF EFFECT OF THESE FACTORS
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ON TURKISH INTERNAL POLITICAL PROSPECTS OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS AND MONTHS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD WELCOME FURTHER ELABORATION ON LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 4B, PARTICULARLY ON WHY SHOULD THE VIOLENCE CONTINUE, THE BLAME COULD BE ASSIGNED IN PART TO THE US.

3. ANKARA 3059, WHICH ARRIVED AFTER THIS MESSAGE DRAFTED,

PROVIDES MOST USEFUL OVERALL PERSPECTIVE ON EVENTS OF WEEK.
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